

Family Involvement Fund (FIF)
of the
Missouri Deafblind Technical Assistance Project

The Family Involvement Fund (FIF) is administered by the Missouri Deafblind Technical Assistance Project. The FIF provides limited financial assistance for family members of infants, children and youth (ages birth through 21) who are visually impaired, blind or deafblind to further their knowledge and understanding of their child's disability and/or the programs and services that support their child. The infant, child or youth must be registered on the annual blind and/or deafblind census. The financial assistance may be provided to support attending conferences and workshops (e.g., registration fee) as well as participation in online trainings and teleconferences.

In general, there is a \$250 limit per person or \$500 limit per family per year. Monetary limits are subject to change depending on demand, so please inquire. The funding year runs from October 1st through September 30th. Family is defined as parents, stepparents, siblings, grandparents, legal guardians, foster parents and educational surrogate parents.

Please note:

- Applications must be received at least 30 days prior to an event. The applying family member will receive written notice of approval.
- If approved for the FIF, the applicant must save and submit original receipts for actual expenses and will be reimbursed up to the per person/per family approved amount. The applicant must also complete all necessary paperwork required by the State of Missouri for reimbursement.
- Prior to reimbursement, the applying family member must share the outcomes of their experience by presenting orally at a Project activity or submitting in writing an article for inclusion in a Project newsletter or report.

An application may be downloaded from the Missouri School for the Blind website at www.msb.dese.mo.gov by selecting Missouri Deafblind Technical Assistance Project and Family Involvement Fund. For more information, contact Susan Bonner, Coordinator, 314-776-4320, extension 3255, susan.bonner@msb.dese.mo.gov.



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**Missouri Deafblind Technical Assistance Project
Family Involvement Fund Application**

Today's Date:

Name of Child:

DOB:

Name of Family Member:

Relationship to Child:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Alternate Phone Number:

Email Address:

Name of Activity:

Date(s) of Activity:

Location:

Actual Cost of Event:

Amount Requested from the FIF:

Additional Comments:

Signature